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Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.

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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

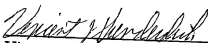
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Entitled: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RECOGNITION OF
COLOR BRIGHTNESS VARIATIONS**

Enclosed are:

1. Specification, including 12 claims (pages 1-17).
2. 4 Sheets of Informal Drawings showing Figs. 1-6.
3. Application Data Sheet (2 sheets)
4. Priority is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55 based on Priority Document 102 42 620.1, filed in Germany on September 12, 2002 (w/1 certified priority document attached).

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